

## VOTING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURE VOTING WITH INCREASED VOTER CONFIDENCE

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information gathering system and method that utilizes a computer to authenticate, poll and store user responses to a customized questionnaire. The questionnaire can be a ballot. The computer utilizes various databases to  
5 authenticate and generate the customized questionnaire. The computer records user responses securely and anonymously. User and/or system errors are eliminated before finalizing the response database. A unique identifier is assigned to each user which allows the user to verify the integrity of the user's response by accessing a response database.